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#### <u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

1. Glenn E. Rauh, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

- I am an officer of Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-1 Partnership, and I am authorized by the Partnership to execute this affidavit.
- I certify that Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-I Partnership is an eligible telecommunications carrier authorized to receive federal universal service high-cost support. (See April 19, 2006 Order in ICC Docket 04-0454/04-0455/04-0456 consolidated).
- I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision, 3. maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Further affiant sayeth not.

DEFICIAL SEAL ILL A. FISHER MOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS

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BY COMMISSION EXPIRES 11-14-2005

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I, Glenn E. Rauh, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

- I arm an officer of Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-II Partnership, and I am authorized by the Partnership to exocute this affidavit.
- i certify that Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-Il Partnership is an eligible 2 telecommunications carrier authorized to receive federal universal service high-cost support (See April 19, 2006 Order in ICC Docket 04-0454/04-0455/04-0456 consolidated).
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Further affiant sayeth not.

DIFFICIAL SEAL JULIA. FISHER HOIARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS

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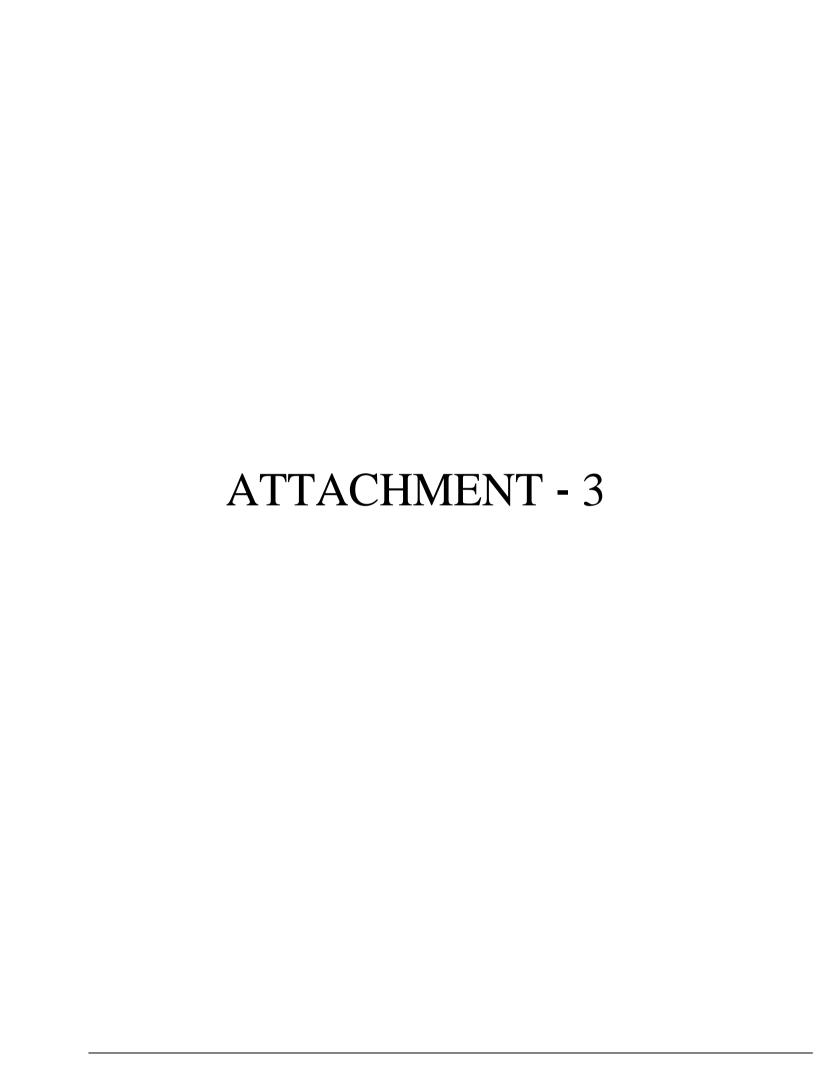
- I am an officer of Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-III Partnership, and I am 1 authorized by the Partnership to execute this affidavit.
- I certify that Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-III Partnership is an eligible telecommunications carrier authorized to receive federal universal service high-cost support. (See April 19, 2006 Order in ICC Docker 04-0454/04-0455/04-0456 consolidated).
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### **STATE OF ILLINOIS**



#### ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

#### Office of General Counsel

September 27,2006

Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 - 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re:

CC Docket No. 96-45

In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Federal High-Cost Support Certification for Rural Carriers in Illinois

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to its May 23, 2001 Rural **Task** Force ("RTF") Order in the above-referenced proceeding, the Commission required states that wish to receive federal universal service high-cost support for rural carriers within their boundaries to file a certification with the Commission and USAC stating that all federal high-cost funds flowing to rural carriers in that state will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e). The Commission ruled that states should be required to file **arrual** certifications with the Commission to ensure that carriers **use** universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended," consistent with Section 254(e).

This filing comports with the Commission's requirement. It lists the rural carriers operating in Illinois that have certified to the Illinois Commerce Commission that all federal universal service support will be used solely for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

**160** North LaSalle Street, Suite C-800, Chicago, Illinois 60601-3104 Telephone [312] 793-2877 Fax [312] 793-1556 TDD ("V/TTY") [312] 814-5845 In order to meet the certification requirement, the ICC asked carriers to sign and return a notarized affidavit attesting to the proper use of the federal universal service support. All carriers signed and returned the affidavits. Below is the list of carriers that successfully returned the affidavits.

September 27,2006

Sincerely,

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Mary Stephenson Schroeder

General Counsel and

Special Assistant Attorney General

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Washington, DC 20037

Illinois Certified Rural Carriers

#### LIST OF CERTIFIED RURAL CARRIERS

ADAMS TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE

ALHAMBRA-GRANTFORKTELEPHONE CO.

BERGEN TELEPHONE CO.

**C-R TELEPHONE COMPANY** 

CAMBRIDGE TELEPHONE CO.

CASS TELEPHONE COMPANY

CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF ILLINOIS

CLARKSVILLE MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.

CROSSVILLE TELEPHONE CO., INC

DIVERSE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

EGYPTIANTELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE ASS'N.

EL PASO TELEPHONE COMPANY

FLAT ROCK TELEPHONE CO-OP, INC.

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - DEPUE. INC.

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.

FRONTIER COMMUNICAITONS OF LAKESIDE, INC.

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - MIDLAND, INC.

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF MT. PULASKI, INC.

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF ORION, INC.

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - PRAIRIE, INC.

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - SCHUYLER, INC.

GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C.

GENESEO TELEPHONE CO.

GLASFORD TELEPHONE COMPANY

**GRAFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY** 

GRANDVIEW MUTUALTEL.

GRIDLEY TELEPHONE CO.

HAMILTON COUNTY TELEPHONE CO-OP

HARRISONVILLE TEL. CO.

HENRY COUNTY TELEPHONE CO.

HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY

ILLINOIS CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE COMPANY

ILLINOIS VALLEY CELLULAR RSA 2-1 PARTNERSHIP

ILLINOIS VALLEY CELLULAR RSA 2-11 PARTNERSHIP

ILLINOIS VALLEY CELLULAR RSA 2-III PARTNERSHIP

KINSMAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.

LAHARPE TELEPHONE CO. INC. .

LEAF RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY

LEONORE MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

MADISON TELEPHONE COMPANY

MARSEILLES TELEPHONE COMPANY

MCDONOUGH TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

MCNABB TELEPHONE CO.

METAMORA TELEPHONE COMPANY

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Under 47 C.F.R. 54.314(d)(6), a carrier newly designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e)(2) or (e)(6): "shall be eligible to receive [high cost] support ... as of the effective date of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier under section 214(e)(2) or (e)(6), provided that ... the state

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commission files the certification described in paragraph (a) of this section within 60 days of the effective date of the carrier's designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier."

This filing substantially comports with the Commission's requirement regarding newly-designated eligible rural telecommunications carriers. It lists the rural telecommunications carriers operating in Illinois that have been newly designated by the Illinois Commerce Commission as eligible telecommunications carriers, by Order of the Commission dated April 19, 2006 fa copy of which is attached), and that have certified by sworn affidavit that all federal universal service support will be used solely for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended

Sincerely.

**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION** 

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Newly-Designated Illinois Certified Rural Carriers

## LIST OF NEWLY-DESIGNATED CERTIFIED ELIGIBLE RURAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS

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